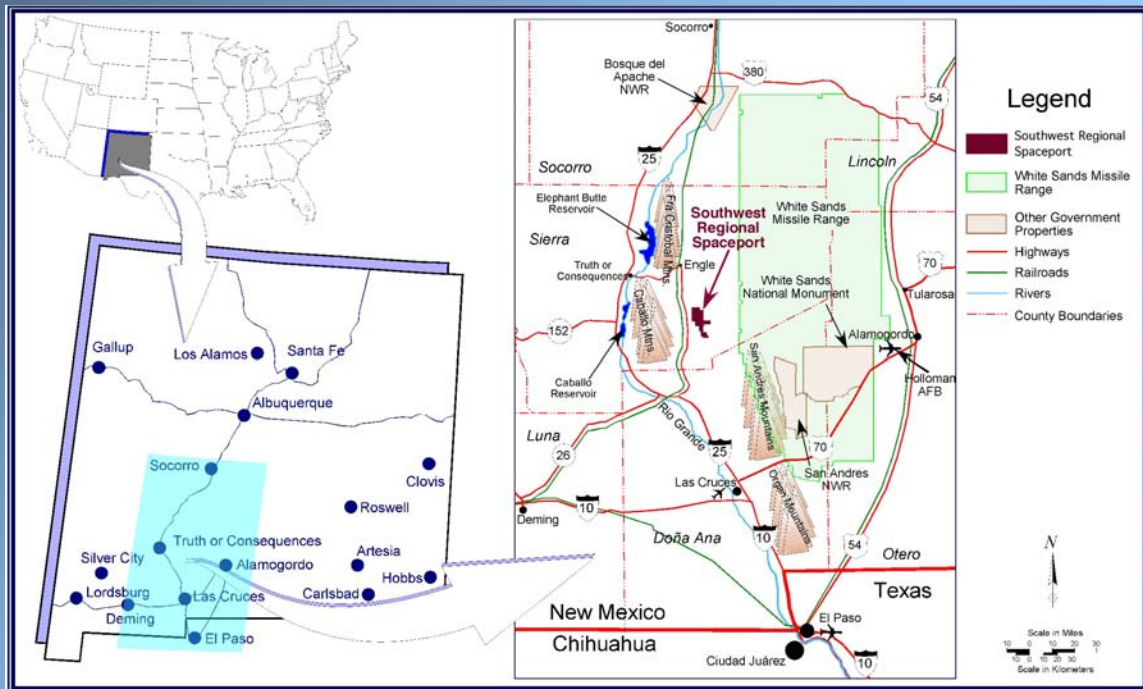


Project Alternatives



Location of the Proposed Southwest Regional Spaceport with Respect to Surrounding Areas

Proposed Action

Under the proposed action the FAA would consider issuing a launch site operator license to the State of New Mexico to support launches of horizontal and vertical vehicles. The proposed Southwest Regional Spaceport would be located near Upham, New Mexico.

Alternative 1 – Horizontal Vehicles Only

Under alternative 1 the FAA would consider issuing a launch site operator license to support launches of the horizontal concept vehicles. For this alternative, the vertical launch complex would not be built.

Alternative 2 – Vertical Vehicles Only

Under alternative 2 the FAA would consider issuing a launch site operator license to support launches of the vertical concept vehicles. For this alternative, the vertical launch complex would be built, but the airfield facilities would be more limited than under the proposed action.

No Action Alternative

Under the no action alternative, the FAA would not issue a launch site operator license and facilities to support commercial launches would not be built. Under the no action alternative, present activities in the area would continue for the foreseeable future.

Your comments will help us develop additional alternatives